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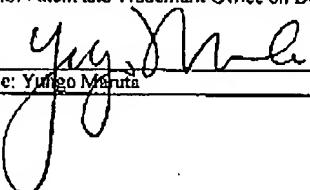
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.